

MILES OF ARID WASTE

FOURTEEN MONTHS OF UNPARALLELED DROUGHT.

Not Enough Grain Grown to Furnish Necessary Food for the Cattle—Prices of All Kinds of Food Products Will be Greatly Increased.

agriculturists of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, the southern portions of Michigan and Wisconsin are gloomily in the extreme. The national government has been unable to furnish substantially including some of the largest granaries and food stores of the North American continent, have for fourteen months been subject to all visitation of drought, to which would have been found no relief. The past few weeks of the oldest living inhabitant's recollection of things has been identified in the districts mentioned and much life-giving crops has resulted. 83 acres of wheat, 100 of corn, 100 of soybeans, many miles, in some directions, not a grain of grass is visible, and the extensive green vegetables are painfully minute. The corn and soybeans are withered and hopelessly burned out. The potatoes are devastated with dryness, of course, the probable cause of the destruction is not uniform, though the crops were planted late in the season.

the plating. Where the seed was into the ground early enough, a somewhat disastrous result may be hoped. Of necessary food for live stock there be an appalling dearth, and thus the milk, meat, butter, cheese, and other products may be expected to rise to a together unprecedented height. The

for a year to come will be left in the hands of the agricultural districts. The railroads will not be able to handle the business. It is already the Burlington and the Chicago & North Western that are the territory of their great systems. The rest will not be able to ship, neither will they be able to handle the business. The stock will be sold at a low price. Already farmers are disposing of their herds of half fattened swine, and the price is only about 75 percent of their ordinary value.

MURDERED THROUGH REVENUE

A Man Robbed in Chicago Murdered in Kansas.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The police receive information to day of the tragic death of William Campbell, a big ranchman of Texas who was robbed in this city about a week ago, and whose fearful end, it is thought, may be the outgrowth of that robbery. Campbell came to Chicago from Antonio, Texas, with a load of stock which he disposed of and

The Cardinal saloon on Clark street, where the fight took place, was a shuffle board place where men suddenly became inebriate. He was taken to the jail and was driven to Joe Connelly's saloon at the corner of Harrison street and Second. There he was put in a room and hanged on, took Campbell's pocket book and, it is alleged, divested the blackman of his clothing. Farrell released him.

Following evening Campbell found himself in a State street saloon at 2:50. The blackman who had taken the pocket book was there. Mr. Campbell on the street, and hailed him. He told him of his loss, and they both went to the jail. They were both tried and convicted, but only negro went to the penitentiary. Campbell was released. Campbell and Connelly jumped his bonds (\$10,000) which several months later allowed Campbell to get out.

Campbell in the meantime continued correspondence with the officers and the blackman. He was released and arrived in Melharon, Kan., with a bundle leading for Chicago to assist in the fight. He was arrested on the pending. He had as an employee a tall, thin man, named Van Doren, and on the evening of the fight he took him to a saloon in the little town. They

Campbell alive. His body, with one hand burned off, was found partially consumed on the top of a hay stack next day, seven miles west of where he was camped the night previous. The head had been completely severed from the body. No trace of Van Doren was found for many days, when he was arrested with the body of his wife twenty miles farther on. A copy of Campbell's letter and photo-

The police here claim not to think Van Doren was in the employ of thenelly crowd, but that he may be is a billy. If it was the idea to put him in the way, so as to let up on the press of Campbell and Farrell than how

Connelly is thought to be in Minneapolis and Farrell is in jail. Mr. Campbell, a murdered man, was 36 years old. He was the youngest of ten boys, as well as the smallest, and stood six feet high and weighed 200 pounds.

Horses Cannot Be Purchased Without Sanction of Law.

Comptroller Butler has disallowed a voucher for \$850 in the account of Lieutenant Hatchelder, of the quartermaster general department. The amount was paid for horses purchased from Hon. Robert

The animals were purchased under order from the quarantamar general and the controller holds that that is in accordance with the law. The controller is to be informed by his superior officer that the purchase was not sanctioned by him and that the animals were purchased in secret, presumably ordered to be so.

TWO YOUNG MEN MISSING.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—(The Star) is much anxious for the safety of George A. Sears and Jack A. Howe, Jr., who left on a cruise in the yacht *Harbor*, two weeks ago, intending to go to the Hawaiian Islands. They have not yet been heard of.

PERSONALITIES.

SECRETARY ENDICOTT left yesterday morning for the city.

EDWARD CAVELLEY, wife and son, J. F. Cavelley, and A. H. Tolman are at the Hyattsville Point Comfort.

ELMER E. MACINTOSH, of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN, returned yesterday from a ten-day visit to Asbury Park.

COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SURGEONS ROBERT MACFARLEY will act as Secretary of the War during the absence of Secretary E. A. Tamm.

GEN. SHEPARD arrived in the city last night but will leave to-day with his staff for Gettysburg, Pa., to review the National Guard camped there.

WILLIE MUSKEY, 803 1/2 Glen R. D.,

United States Minister McLane
Washington, and yesterday called

a few days' stay here he will leave for weeks' visit to Baltimore and eastern Maryland, prior to his return to France, says there is nothing political in his visit.
